

Claims

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1. A process (1) for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course comprising at least one training unit by a computer, characterised by the following steps:
 - definition by the computer of first time units which represent the time periods which a trainee (3) would like to spend on the training course (2),
 - definition by the computer of second time units which represent the time periods required to execute the training units of the training course (4),
 - creation of a progress plan by the computer for the execution of the training course in dependence upon the first time units and the second time units (5), where for each training unit the progress plan specifies a time by which the trainee (3) is expected to have completed the corresponding training unit and
 - monitoring by the computer as to whether the corresponding training unit has been completed by the time specified in the progress plan (7).
 2. A process (1) according to Claim 1, characterised in that the trainee (3) is notified if the corresponding training unit has not been completed by the time specified in the progress plan (10).
 - a 3. A process (1) according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterised in that the monitoring result is stored.
 - a 4. A process (1) according to ~~one of~~ Claims 1 ~~to 3~~, characterised in that the progress plan is recreated (5) if the corresponding training unit has not been

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completed by the time specified in the progress plan (9).

5. A process (1) according to Claim 4, characterised in that the training course is terminated if, more than once, the corresponding training unit has not been completed by the time specified in the progress plan (9).
6. A process (1) according to Claim 5, characterised in that the trainee (3) is notified of the termination of the training course (10).
- a* 7. A process (1) according to ~~one of~~ Claims ~~1 to 6~~, characterised in that the progress plan is sent to the trainee (3) after its creation.
- a* 8. A process (1) according to ~~one of~~ Claims ~~1 to 7~~, characterised in that the training units are made available to the trainee (3) via a computer network (9).
9. A process (1) according to Claim 8, characterised in that the training units are made available to the trainee (3) via an in-house computer network (intranet).
- a* 10. A process (1) according to Claim 8 ~~or 9~~, characterised in that the training units are made available to the trainee (3) via a global computer network, in particular the internet.
- a* 11. A process (1) according to Claim 9 ~~or 10~~, characterised in that the trainee (3) is notified via electronic mail (e-mail).

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a 12. A process (1) according to ~~one of Claims 9 to 11~~, characterised in that the progress plan is sent to the trainee (3) via electronic mail (e-mail).

a 5 13. A process (1) according to ~~one of Claims 9 to 12~~, characterised in that the progress plan is made available on a web page to which the trainee (3) has access.

10 14. A control element, in particular a compact disc (CD), floppy disc or the like, for a computer on which a program is stored which can run on the computer and is
a suitable to execute a process according to ~~one of~~
a Claims 1 to 13.

15 15. A computer for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course comprising at least one training unit, characterised in that the computer comprises:

- 20 - means for defining first time units which represent the time periods which a trainee (3) would like to spend on the training course,
- means for defining second time units which represent the time periods required to execute
25 the training units of the training course,
- means for the creation by the computer of a progress plan for the execution of the training course in dependence upon the first time units and the second time units, where for each
30 training unit the progress plan specifies a time by which the trainee (3) is expected to have completed the corresponding training unit and
- means for monitoring by the computer as to whether the corresponding training unit has been
35 completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

16. A computer according to Claim 15, characterised in that the computer comprises means for notifying the trainee (3) if the corresponding training unit has not been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.
- a 17. A computer according to Claim 15 ~~or 16~~, characterised in that the computer comprises means for storing the monitoring result.
- a 18. A computer according to ~~one of Claims 15 to 17~~, characterised in that the computer comprises means for sending the progress plan to the trainee (3) after its creation.
- a 19. A computer according to ~~one of Claims 15 to 18~~, characterised in that the computer is connected to a computer network.
20. A computer according to Claim 19, characterised in that the computer is connected to an in-house computer network (intranet).
- 25 21. A computer according to Claim 19, characterised in that the computer is connected to a global computer network, in particular the internet.

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